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REMARKS**In the Claims**

Claims 1-4 were allowed and thus remain unchanged.

Claims 9, 12 and 17-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Verbauwheide et al.

Claims 10, 13-16 and 20 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim (i.e. claim 9, directly or indirectly) but being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Independent claim 9 has been amended to include all limitations of claim 20. Thus claim 9 as amended represents a rewritten claim 20 in independent form and is believed to be allowable. Accordingly, claim 20 has been canceled.

Claims 10 and 12-19 are now dependent on an allowable claim and are therefore allowable as well.

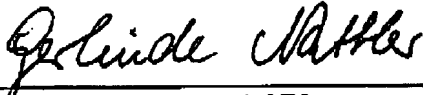
Claims 6-8 have been canceled.

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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4, 9, 10, and 12-19 are patentable.

Respectfully submitted,



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